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SUBJECT: GOWON'S ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

1. AS COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE APPROACHES, GOWON'S ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS HAS BEGUN TO EMERGE IN USUAL PIECEMEAL FASHION.

2. WHILE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE, APPEARS LIKELY GOWON WILL LEAVE LAGOS THIS COMING WEEKEND TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH SESSION DUE TO OPEN APRIL 29 IN KINGSTON. FOLLOWING CONGERENCE, HE WILL PAY BILATERAL VISITS TO BARBADOS AND GUYANA, RETURNING TO NIGERIA AROUND MID-MAY. DURING LATTER HALF OF MONTH, HE WILL PRESUMABLY BE INVOLVED WITH ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE MEETING TO BE HELD IN LAGOS, AND THEN IN EARLY JUNE WILL TRAVEL TO UK ON PRIVATE VISIT TO RECEIVE CAMBRIDGE HONORARY DEGREE ON JUNE 5.

3. ONLY OTHER EVENT CURRENTLY IN VIEW ON GOWON'S SCHEDULE

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IS VISIT HERE BY QUEEN ELIZABETH. HERE AGAIN, THERE HAS BEEN NO

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF PLANNED VISIT, BUT POSSIBLE OCTOBER DATE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF PRESS SPECULATION. UK HIGH COMMISSION HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT THIS IS FACT PROBABLE TIMING, BUT ADD THAT THERE IS STILL NO FIRM AGREEMENT.

4. GOWON TRIP TO CARIBBEAN WAS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE INCLUDED THIRD BILATERAL VISIT TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, BUT MEA HAS ADVISED US THIS STOP NOW DROPPED FROM HIS ITINERARY.
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